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Public Health Department,
Council Offices,
MIDHURST.

August, 1954.

TO: The Chairman and Members
of the Midhurst Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report on the health of the Midhurst Rural District and the work of the Public Health Department during the Year 1953.

The principal vital statistics for the year, together with comparative figures for 1952, are :-

	<u>Midhurst Rural District.</u>		<u>England and Wales.</u>	
	<u>1953</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1952</u>
Home population	16,820	16,750	-	-
Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 population	13.91	12.53	15.5	15.3
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 population	14.68	12.29	11.4	11.3

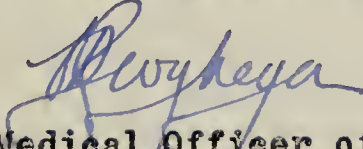
The number of cases of Diphtheria in England and Wales continues to decrease, but parents must still be reminded of the part they must play in this advance by ensuring that all young children are protected by immunisation.

One hundred and fourteen houses (Private, Council and Housing Society) were completed during the year, making a total of 593 permanent houses completed since 1945. A further 85 houses were under construction at the 31st December, 1953.

I would like to express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Council for their support, and to Mr. Henry and all members of the Staff for their work during the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,


Medical Officer of Health.

Section I.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

The District is an agricultural and residential one.

Other minor industries provide employment and holiday traffic brings a considerable amount of trade to hotels and cafes.

General Statistics.

Area in Acres	67,035
Number of Parishes	26
Registrar-General's Estimate of Population (1952 mid-year)	16,750
Registrar-General's Estimate of Population (1953 mid-year)	16,820
Number of Dwellings	5,313
Rateable Value (March, 1954)	£ 126,907
Sum Represented by a Penny Rate (March, 1954)	£ 528

VITAL STATISTICS.

Live Births

MIDHURST RURAL DISTRICT						Birth Rate per 1,000 Pop.				
Total Number (after adjustment for transfers)						Birth Rate per 1,000 population		West Sussex		England and Wales
								Rural	Urban	
Year	Total	Sex		Illegitimate		Crude	Corr.	Districts	Districts	Wales
		M	F	Number	%					
1952	210	106	104	12	5.7	12.53	13.78	13.96	12.27	15.3
1953	234	125	109	14	5.9	13.91	15.30	14.58	11.62	15.5

Stillbirths.

Total Number (after adjustment for Transfers)				Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	Rate per 1,000 population
Year	Total	Sex			
		M	F		
1952	5	3	2	23.25	0.29
1953	2	1	1	8.47	0.11

Deaths

MIDHURST RURAL DISTRICT						WEST SUSSEX		ENGLAND AND WALES
Total Deaths (after adjustment for Transfers)				Death Rates per 1,000 population		Death Rate per 1,000 population		Death Rate per 1,000 population
Year	Total	Sex		Crude	Corr.	Rural Districts	Urban Districts	
		M	F					
1952	206	105	101	12.29	9.58	11.85	14.92	11.3
1953	247	130	117	14.68	11.45	11.84	15.64	11.4

Certain new features are revealed by the figures set out above. The population of the district is older than the average for the country and has been so for many years. This is due to the tendency for retired people to settle in an attractive country district, and for a proportion of younger people to migrate to the towns. Consequently, the birth rate is below average. In previous years, however, the birth rate has nevertheless exceeded the death rate and a "natural increase" has therefore resulted.

There are three establishments in the district, one belonging to the West Sussex County Council and two privately owned, into which old people are admitted from a much larger area. The death rate in these communities is naturally high and the Registrar-General decided that from the beginning of 1953, deaths occurring in all such institutions should not be transferred to the districts of origin, but recorded in this district. Because of this decision some thirty deaths which would have been transferred to other districts were not so transferred, and what would have been a natural increase of seventeen in the population has been converted into a natural decrease of thirteen, although the birth rate has, in fact, increased. The net change in population, including this figure and an allowance for migration into and out of the district, is an increase of seventy on the total population in 1952.

Of the total deaths recorded, 201 or 81% occurred in persons aged 65 years or over; 139 or 56% in persons aged 75 years or over, and 46 or 18.6% in persons aged 85 years or over.

The chief causes of death in order of frequency were :

	1953	1952
(i) Diseases of the heart and circulatory system	94	81
(ii) Vascular lesions of nervous system ..	49	37
(iii) Neoplasms (growths)	28	34
(iv) Respiratory diseases(excluding Pulmonary Tuberculosis)	26	17

These four causes accounted for 197 or 79% of the total deaths.

A table at the end of this Section shows the age, sex distribution and causes of death in 1953.

Maternal Deaths

Midhurst R.D.		Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 total births			
Year	Total Deaths	Midhurst R.D.	West Sussex		England and Wales
			R.D's.	U.D's.	
1952	Nil	-	0.93	0.95	0.72
1953	Nil	-	0.85	1.48	0.76

Infant Mortality

INFANT DEATHS					RATES PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS			
MIDHURST RURAL DISTRICT					Midhurst R.D.	West Sussex		England and Wales
Year	Total	Sex		Illegit- imate.		R.D's.	U.D's.	
		M	F					
1952	4	4	-	-	19.04	18.	17.	27.6
1953	6	5	1	2	25.64	22.	22.	26.8

Infant Mortality Rates:

(a) Under 1 year of age:

	1953	1952.
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	18.18	20.20
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	142.85	Nil

(b) Under 4 weeks of age:

All infants per 1,000 live births ..	21.36	14.28
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	13.63	15.15
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	142.85	Nil

Death Rates per 1,000 population from:

Pulmonary Tuberculosis..	0.23	0.05
All forms of Tuberculosis ..	0.23	0.17
Respiratory Diseases (excluding Tuberculosis)	1.54	1.01
Cancer ..	1.66	2.02
Principal Zymotic Diseases (Smallpox, Enteric Fever, Measles, Scarlet Fever, Whooping Cough and Diphtheria)	Nil	Nil
Deaths from Measles (all ages) ..	Nil	Nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) ..	Nil	Nil
Deaths from Diarrhoea and Enteritis (children under 2 years	Nil	Nil

Table of Causes of Death at Different Periods of Life during 1953.

R.G. List No.	CAUSES OF DEATH	Sex	All Ages	Weeks		Y e a r s										
				0-	4-	1-	2-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75-	
	All Causes	M	130	4	1	-	-	-	-	1	4	3	10	42	65	
		F	117	1	-	-	-	2	1	3	2	2	12	20	74	
1	Tuberculosis, respiratory	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	1	
		F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
3	Syphilitic diseases	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
		F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
10	Malignant neoplasms, stomach	M	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	
		F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
11	Ditto lung, bronchus	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	
		F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
12	Ditto breast	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	
14	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	M	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	4	
		F	10	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	3	5	
15	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
		F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
16	Diabetes	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	
17	Vascular lesions of nervous system	M	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	6	21	
		F	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	6	11	
18	Coronary disease, angina	M	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	8	6	
		F	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	6	
19	Hypertension with heart disease	M	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	4	
		F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	2	
20	Other heart disease	M	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	4	4	
		F	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	16	
21	Other circulatory disease	M	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	5	
		F	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	2	10	
22	Influenza	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	
		F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	
23	Pneumonia	M	10	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	6	
		F	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
24	Bronchitis	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	
		F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	
25	Other diseases of respiratory system	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	
		F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
26	Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
		F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
27	Gastritis, enteritis, and diarrhoea	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
28	Nephritis and Nephrosis	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	
		F	4	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	
31	Congenital malformations	M	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
		F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	
32	Other defined & ill-defined diseases	M	13	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	7	
		F	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	10	
33	Motor vehicle accidents	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	
		F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	
34	All other accidents	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
		F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	

Table showing Populations, Births, Deaths,
and Birth and Death Rates, 1943-1953.

Year	Population	Births		Deaths		Infant Mortality	
		Total	Rate	Total	Rate	Deaths	Rate
1943	16,930	281	16.6	220	12.99	10	36
1944	16,330	269	16.47	197	12.06	17	63
1945	15,520	216	13.92	179	11.53	5	23
1946	15,720	257	16.35	215	13.42	14	54
1947	15,730	263	16.71	181	11.5	11	41
1948	16,530	248	15.00	194	11.73	3	12
1949	16,590	244	14.70	201	12.11	4	16
1950	16,480	225	13.65	217	13.16	5	22
1951	16,730	232	13.86	203	12.13	9	38
1952	16,750	210	12.53	206	12.29	4	19
1953	16,820	234	13.91	247	14.68	6	25

Section II.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

Hospitals.

The hospitals providing accommodation and treatment for residents of the District are administered by the South-West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board through Hospital Management Committees.

The Hospitals are:

Chichester Isolation Hospital
St. Richard's Hospital, Chichester
Royal West Sussex Hospital, Chichester
Midhurst Cottage Hospital
Petworth Cottage Hospital
Haslemere Hospital
Petersfield Hospital
Southlands Hospital, Shoreham-by-Sea
Sussex Maternity and Women's Hospital, Brighton
Worthing Hospital
Horsham General Hospital
Zachary Merton Maternity Home, Rustington
Aldingbourne House Sanatorium
King Edward VII Sanatorium, Easebourne

Laboratory Service.

Examinations carried out for this Authority by the Public Health Laboratory, Portsmouth, during 1953, were as follows :

	<u>Nature of Specimen.</u>	<u>Number Examined.</u>
(a)	Ice Cream	78
(b)	Milk (Pathological exam.)	127
(c)	Milk (Biological exam.)	45
(d)	Water	242
	Total ..	492

Ambulances.

The Local Health Authorities (the West Sussex County Council and the Surrey County Council) provide an ambulance service with ambulances operating from Midhurst, Petworth and Haslemere. The same Authorities are also responsible for the Hospital Car Service.

Home Nursing and Midwifery.

General District Nurses, Midwives, Health Visitors and School Nurses, are employed by the West Sussex County Council to serve in the Rural District.

Treatment Centres and Clinics.

Ante-Natal Clinics	)	-	held at Camelsdale, Midhurst,
	)		Rake, Northchapel and
Infant Welfare Centres	)		Petworth.
Infant Weighing Centres		-	held at Heyshott, Rogate and Stedham.
School Clinic (Minor Ailments	)		
Aural Clinic	)	-	held at Chichester.
Orthopaedic Clinic	)		
Speech Therapy Clinic	)		
Eye Clinic		-	held at Midhurst
Chest Clinic		-	held at Aldingbourne House Sanatorium.
Venereal Diseases Clinics		-	held at St. Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth; The Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, and St. Richard's Hospital, Chichester.

Nursing Homes.

At the beginning of the year there were six Nursing Homes registered by the West Sussex County Council under Section 187 of the Public Health Act, 1936. These Homes, all of which were privately maintained, had a total accommodation for 152 patients. One nursing home with a total of 51 beds is used for accommodating aged chronic cases. A second home, registered also for chronic cases with 51 beds, was closed in May, 1953.

National Assistance Act, 1948.

(a) Section 47.

An Order under this Section was granted on the 21st May, 1953, in respect of an aged couple who were living in insanitary conditions in a requisitioned house. This was not the first time that such action had had to be taken in their case, orders having been previously granted and renewed during 1948 and 1949.

As on the previous occasion, the man and woman concerned were admitted to the West Sussex County Council Welfare Home at East Preston where they remain, extensions of the original Order having been granted at quarterly intervals up to December, 1953.

(b) Section 50.

No burials were carried out during 1953.

SECTION III.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water Supply.

Piped water is supplied principally by the Midhurst Rural District Council and the Wey Valley Water Company. These two statutory undertakers provide a supply, in part at least, to 23 out of the 26 Parishes in the Rural District, 3,627 houses receiving a supply which, with very few exceptions, is available within the dwellings. Piped water is also provided to some 1,154 houses by private estates.

Details of the supplies in each of the parishes as at 31st December, 1953, are given in the table at the end of this Section.

MIDHURST RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL WATER UNDERTAKINGS.

During the year the second stage of the Rogate Water Scheme in the Parishes of Elsted, Harting, Iping, Terwick, Treyford, Trotton and Woolbeding, was practically completed, some 37,468 yards of main having been laid. Approval has also been received to the proposed extension of the Lodsworth Supply Scheme to the Parishes of East Lavington and Graffham.

Rotherfield Bore Supply, Easebourne - to the Parishes of Bepton, Cocking, Easebourne, Heyshott, Midhurst, Stedham, West Lavington and Woolbeding.

The number of houses supplied from this source is 1,242.

Slade Lane Bore Supply, Rogate - to the Parishes of Chithurst, Elsted, Harting, Iping, Linch, Rogate, Stedham, Terwick, Trotton and Woolbeding.

A total of 759 houses are supplied by this scheme.

Lodsworth Bore Supply, Lodsworth - to the Parishes of Easebourne, Lodsworth, Lurgashall, South Ambersham and Tillington.

This source supplies 380 houses.

Spring Supply, Henley - to the Parishes of Easebourne and Fernhurst.

Thirty-two houses are supplied by this scheme.

WEY VALLEY WATER COMPANY.

Water is supplied to the Parishes of Fernhurst, Iping, Linchmere, Lurgashall, North Ambersham, Rogate and Trotton. The total number of houses supplied is 1,189.

Main extensions were carried out by this Company to the Rake Housing Site from their Liss Supply - 320 yards of 4" and 76 yards of 3" main being laid.

Water Supply (Contd.)

Water Analyses.

A total of 247 samples of water were taken and submitted for examination, and the following table gives details of the results received :-

Source	Number of Samples Taken	E x a m i n a t i o n			
		BACTERIOLOGICAL		CHEMICAL	
		S.	U.	S.	U.
Statutory Water Undertakings	98	83	10	5	-
Private Estates	121	105	16	-	-
Individual Private Supplies	28	12	16	-	-
Totals	247	200	42	5	-

Note: S = Satisfactory

U = Unsatisfactory

The ten unsatisfactory reports received in respect of Statutory Water Undertakings referred mainly to samples taken from newly laid mains.

Drainage and Sewerage.

Houses Drained to the Council's Sewers.

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Drainage Scheme</u>	<u>Houses Drained To Sewer</u>	<u>Number of Houses in Parish</u>
Cocking	Cocking	69	156
Harting	Harting	171	430
Easebourne	Midhurst, Easebourne and West Lavington	439	538
Midhurst	Ditto	628	634
West Lavington	Ditto	79	152
Fernhurst	Fernhurst Village	188)	
Fernhurst	Northern Fernhurst and Linchmere	195)	632
Linchmere	Ditto	275	389
North Ambersham	Ditto	11	57

Houses with Waterborne Sanitation compared with those with Conservancy System as at 31st December, 1953:

Houses with W.C's. drained to the sewers	..	2,055	(39%)
Houses with W.C's. drained to septic tanks and cesspools	..	1,732	(33%)
Houses with Earth, Pail or Chemical Closets	..	1,526	(28%)
Total houses	..	5,313	

Drainage and Sewerage (Contd.)

Good progress was made with the provision of water closets and drainage to the new sewers at Harting, while at Cocking, a further 21 houses were connected.

Rogate Drainage.

A starting date for this scheme has now been received from the Ministry, and at the time of writing this report, tenders were out for the carrying out of the necessary works.

Drainage - Bell Vale, North Ambersham.

An extension of the Northern Fernhurst sewer was carried out at Bell Vale and six houses where nuisances from cesspool and septic tank drainage existed were connected thereto.

Rivers and Streams.

Flooding from Harting Brook continued to give trouble, and although the question of alleviation received the attention of the Committee during the year, no definite proposals have yet been forthcoming for dealing with the matter.

Public Cleansing.

The services for refuse collection are as follows :-

<u>Once Weekly.</u>	<u>Interval between Collections.</u> <u>Fortnightly.</u>	<u>Four-Weekly.</u>
Midhurst	Linchmere	Tillington
Easebourne(Lutener	North Ambersham	Stedham
Road & Easebourne	Fernhurst	Elsted
Street - Post	Easebourne(except Lutener	Harting(Uppark only)
Office to School	Rd. & Easebourne Street-	Graffham
only)	Post Office to School)	Heyshott
West Lavington	Trotton(Milland area only)	Lodsworth
(Chichester Road-	Rogate(except Fyning)	South Ambersham
South Pond to	Harting(except Uppark)	Bepton(Upper
Station only)	Chithurst	Bepton only)
	Iping	Treyford
	Woolbeding(except E. Shaw)	Lurgashall
	Cocking	Rogate(Fyning only)
	West Lavington(except	Terwick
	Chichester Rd.-South	Trotton(except
	Pond to Station)	Milland area)
	Bepton(except Upper	Woolbeding(East
	Bepton)	Shaw only).

The whole of the refuse is deposited on the Tip at Midhurst Common.

Public Cleansing (Contd.)

Cesspool Emptying Service.

The Council's cesspool emptying vehicle was again hard pressed to cope with the number of requests for cesspools to be emptied. Some 685 emptyings were carried out during the year.

Pail Closet Emptying Service.

The free pail closet emptying service to houses on the line of the new sewers at Harting was discontinued except in a few cases where it was impractical for the occupants to dispose of closet contents.

Shops Act, 1950.

During the year 38 visits were made to shops and offices, and as a result of action taken water closet accommodation was provided at three shops.

Smoke Abatement.

No action was necessary in this respect.

Factories Act, 1937.

There are 70 establishments situated in the district coming within the scope of the Factories Act, 1937, of which 41 are provided with mechanical power.

During the year, 110 inspections of factory premises were made, and the following list summarises the various defects found and remedied :-

<u>Nature of Defect.</u>	<u>Defects found and remedied.</u>
(a) Want of cleanliness	4
(b) Insufficient sanitary conveniences	1
(c) Unsuitable or defective sanitary conveniences	4
(d) Other offences	1

Swimming Baths and Pools.

There are no public swimming baths or pools in the district.

Camping Sites.

The following licences were granted during the year under Section 269 of the Public Health Act, 1936 :-

- (a) Licences to erect, station and use
movable dwellings .. 29
- (b) Licences authorising the use of land as a
site for movable dwellings 1

Eradication of Bed Bugs.

No action was necessary in this respect.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

During the year 899 infestations were dealt with and some 4,948 rats were destroyed.

The Council's sewers were also treated.

Mosquitoes.

No action was necessary.

Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials Act, 1951.

There are no premises in the district at which Rag Flock is used or sold.

Schools.

There are 13 Primary Schools in the district of which 11 have waterborne sanitation. The drainage disposal plant at one school was overhauled and covered to prevent trouble from smell.

At the Elsted District (Controlled) School, separate sanitary accommodation was provided for the staff.

Twenty visits were made to school premises.

No schools were closed during 1953 on account of infectious or other diseases.

Pet Animals Act, 1951.

No applications for licence have been received under this Act.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area

Complaints received	..	..	64
Informal Notices served	..	..	426
Informal Notices complied with	..	..	392
Statutory Notices served under Section 93, Public Health Act, 1936	..	..	3
Statutory Notices complied with	..	..	10

The three statutory notices served were in respect of leaking roofs and a defective chimney stack.

Proceedings were instituted in the local Court in respect of the two cottages with leaking roofs and the necessary Orders were made with costs.

All the Notices were subsequently complied with.

Visits made in connection with:

Housing - first visits	..	..	1,106
Housing - revisits	..	..	783
Council House applications	..	..	176
Overcrowding	..	..	250
Drainage and sanitary conveniences	..	..	1,233
Water supplies	..	..	532
Privies, ditches and cesspools	..	..	246
Stables and Piggeries	..	..	5
Refuse and accumulations	..	..	31
Verminous premises	..	..	21
Rats and Mice destruction	..	..	8,958
Schools	..	..	20
Movable Dwellings	..	..	73
Factories Act	..	..	110
Infectious Diseases	..	..	28
Shops Act	..	..	38
Slaughterhouses, Butchers' Shops and other Food Premises	..	..	728
Dairies and Milk Distributors	..	..	167
Miscellaneous	..	..	80
Total visits			<u>14,585</u>

Summary of
Sanitary Work and Improvements.

Under Public Health and Housing Acts:

Baths provided	63
Ceilings repaired or renewed	44
Chimney stacks repaired or renewed	39
Cooking ranges repaired or renewed	53
Damp walls remedied	21
Doors repaired or renewed	42
Drainage systems cleared or repaired	128
Drainage systems provided	108
Earth Closets repaired or renewed	3
Firegrates repaired or renewed	38
Food Stores provided or repaired	22
Foul accumulations removed	5
Floors repaired or renewed	55
Fuel Stores provided or repaired	21
Gutters and downpipes provided or repaired	54
Hot and cold water systems provided	64
Houses cleansed and redecorated	49
Plaster repaired or renewed	58
Refuse bins provided	20
Roofs repaired or renewed	69
Sinks provided	60
Stairs repaired or renewed	19
Verminous premises disinfested	5
Washing coppers repaired or renewed	14
Water supplies laid on into dwellings	77
Wells and water tanks cleansed or repaired	3
Water closets provided or repaired	111
Windows enlarged, provided or repaired	51
Walls repaired	17
Yard paving provided or repaired	20

Summary of Rural Water Supplies - 31st December, 1953.

Parish	Area (Acres)	Est. Pop.	No. of houses in Parish	Houses with piped water from		Houses with Wells, Springs or Rainwater Tanks
				Public Mains	Private Estates	
Bpton	1910	288	91	45	44	2
Chithurst	1200	266	84	55	13	16
Cocking	2596	494	156	71	82	3
Easebourne	4214	1703	538	336	199	3
East Lavington	1977	222	70	4	54	12
Elsted	1840	180	57	11	38	8
Fernhurst	4950	2001	632	578	34	20
Graffham	2137	567	179	-	164	15
Harting	7946	1361	430	288	68	74
Heyshott	2184	431	136	9	113	14
Iping	2235	386	122	67	20	35
Linch	850	76	24	8	10	6
Linchmere	2066	1232	389	360	19	10
Lodsworth	2441	627	198	167	9	22
Lurgashall	4815	595	188	71	17	100
Midhurst	669	2007	634	634	-	-
North Ambersham	1168	180	57	36	8	13
Rogate	5016	1273	402	372	5	25
South Ambersham	1502	111	35	8	22	5
Stedham	2493	617	195	38	129	28
Terwick	783	193	61	41	-	20
Tillington	3816	741	234	155	51	28
Treyford	2098	130	41	-	20	21
Trotton	3600	427	135	77	20	38
West Lavington	678	481	152	148	4	-
Woolbeding	1851	231	73	48	11	14
TOTALS	67035	16820	5313	3627	1154	532
Percentage of Total Dwellings				68%	22%	10%

Estimated population deriving water from :

(a)	Public Mains	..	..	..	11,483
(b)	Private Estate Mains	..	..	..	3,653
(c)	Other Sources	..	..	..	1,684
Total Population					16,820

Section IV.

HOUSING

One hundred and fourteen houses (51 Private, 57 Council and 6 Housing Society) were completed during 1953.

At the end of the year there were 466 applications outstanding on the Council's re-housing list.

Housing Acts, 1936 and 1949.

Action was taken in five cases under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936, which resulted in two of the dwellings being condemned, one closed, and the other two the subject of undertakings that they would be made fit within a period of nine months.

Applications for grant under the Housing Act, 1949, were received in respect of eleven dwellings, all of which were approved, and reconditioning work is now in hand or about to begin.

The new legislation now before Parliament dealing with rent increases, the repair and reconditioning of unfit dwellings, and the abolition of slum dwellings, will necessitate a five year programme being drawn up for dealing with these unfit houses. The Rural Housing Survey completed in 1948 will prove invaluable in formulating this programme.

The big problem will be to get work done as the building labour situation in this district is still difficult. In addition, there is the question of the provision of new dwellings for the purpose of rehousing the occupiers of those houses already condemned and those likely to be condemned. Many of the tenants of these unfit dwellings have no desire to move and would prefer to remain where they are as they cannot afford the comparatively high rents of Council houses.

Houses Erected by Private Enterprise.

The 51 houses built privately during 1953 are as follows :-

Bepton	3	Iping	1
Chithurst	1	Linchmere	2
Easebourne	4	Lodsworth	6
East Lavington	3	Lurgashall	1
Fernhurst	10	Midhurst	2
Graffham	4	Rogate	3
Harting	1	Stedham	5
Heyshott	4	West Lavington	1

Requisitioned Premises.

The following statement gives details of the action taken during 1953 in connection with requisitioned premises :-

Number of:

Properties under requisition at 31.12.52.	69
Units of accommodation provided ..	119
Persons accommodated	352
Properties derequisitioned during 1953	17
Properties requisitioned at 31.12.53.	52
Units of accommodation provided ..	82
Persons accommodated	306

Housing Statistics.

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year.

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	1,106
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ..	1,889
(2) Number of dwelling-houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ..	328

2. Remedying of Defects without service of Formal Notice

Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied in consequence of informal action taken by the Local Authority	283
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3. Action under Statutory Powers.

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ..	Nil
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice ..	Nil

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	3
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(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:

(a) By owners	10
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	Nil

3. Action under Statutory Powers (Contd.)

(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936; Section 3 of the Housing Act, 1949, and Section 10 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953 :

(1) Number of houses in respect of which demolition orders were made	2
(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders	6
(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Undertakings have been given that they will be rendered fit for human habitation within a specified time	2
(4) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made under Section 3 of the Housing Act, 1949	3
(5) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made under Section 10 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953	1

4. Housing Act, 1936 - Part IV - Overcrowding.

(a) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year	8
(ii) Number of families dwelling therein	10
(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein	66
(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during 1953	6
(c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during 1953	7
(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases ..	64
(d) Particulars of any case in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority has taken steps to abate the overcrowding	Nil

Houses Erected by the Local Authority.

Parish		Houses Erected			Grand Total
		Pre-War	1947-1952	1953	
CHITHURST	- Chorley Common Cotts.	4	-	-	
	Cartersland Corner	-	12	-	16
COCKING	- Malthouse Cottages	8	-	-	
	The Croft	-	22	9	39
EASEBOURNE	- Canada Cottages	12	-	-	
	Cowdray Road	-	34	1	
	Egmont Road	-	12	-	
	Fox Road	-	20	-	
	Montague Road	-	18	14	111
ELSTED	- Hill View Cottages	4	-	-	4
FERNHURST	- Dale Copse Cottages	6	-	-	
	Old Glebe Cottages	-	40	-	46
GRAFFHAM	- Woodcote Cottages	6	-	-	
	Guillod Cottages	-	22	-	28
HARTING	- Loppers Ash Cottages	4	-	-	
	Knightsfield Cottages	4	-	-	
	Tipper Lane Cottages	8	-	-	
	Culvers, South Harting	-	28	6	50
HEYSHOTT	- Austins Cottages	4	-	-	
	Bakersfield Cottages	4	-	-	
	Leggatts Flats	-	4	-	
	Austins Cottages	-	4	-	16
IPING	- Crossways Cottages	4	-	-	4
LINCHMERE	- Moor Copse Cottages	-	6	-	6
LODSWORTH	- Berryfield Cottages	2	-	-	
	Barnfield Cottages	4	-	-	
	Beechfield Cottages	-	6	-	12
LURGASHALL	- Greengate Cottages	4	4	-	8
MIDHURST	- Barnplat Cottages	12	-	-	
	June Meadow	-	12	-	
	Nine Acres	-	22	-	46
ROGATE	- Paddock Cottages	4	-	-	
	Parsonage Cottages	-	20	-	
	Knowles Meadow	-	-	9	33
STEDHAM	- Common View Cottages	-	10	-	10
TERWICK	- Mill Lane Cottages	8	-	-	8
TILLINGTON	- Willetts Field Cottages	4	-	-	
	The Harrows	-	8	-	12
TROTTON	- Mill Lane Cottages	4	-	-	4
WEST LAVINGTON	- Taylors Field	-	30	18	48
WOOLBEDING	- Claypit Cottages	4	-	-	4
TOTALS		114	334	57	505

Section V.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Milk Supply.

Number of inspections of dairies and milk premises	167
Number of Producer Distributors with farms in the district	17
Number of retail dairies (not producing milk) in the district	3
Number of milk distributors with dairies outside the district	15
Number of Dealer's licences granted authorising the use of the Special Designation "Tuberculin Tested"	13
Number of Dealer's licences granted authorising the use of the Special Designation "Pasteurised"	7

Of the three retail dairies in the district, two possess pasteurising plants.

During the year, 103 samples of milk taken from distributors were submitted for examination for cleanliness by the Methylene Blue Test, and of these, 94 were reported upon as satisfactory.

Twenty-four samples of Pasteurised milk were taken and submitted to the Phosphatase Test, all of which were reported upon as satisfactory. Forty-five samples of milk taken from farms whose milk is retailed in the district were submitted for biological examination and reported free from Tubercle Bacilli.

Meat and Other Foods.

No regular slaughtering of animals, other than cottagers' pigs for home consumption, has been carried out in any of the slaughterhouses in the district, all of which have remained closed by virtue of the Livestock (Restriction of Slaughtering) Order, 1940. All meat for sale in the area continues to be slaughtered elsewhere, supplies for consumption being delivered from Chichester, Petersfield and Worthing, to the retail butchers in the area.

The following is a summary of butchers' shops, etc. in the district, together with details of inspections of these establishments carried out during the year :-

Number of Butchers' Shops	8
Number of premises registered under the Food & Drugs Act, 1938, for the preparation and manufacture of sausages or potted, pressed, pickled or preserved food intended for sale for human consumption ..	9

Meat and Other Foods (Contd.)

Number of visits made to the above premises	347
Number of premises registered for the sale of Ice Cream	40
Number of visits to Ice Cream premises	145

There are no manufacturers of Ice Cream in the district.

Seventy-eight samples of Ice Cream were taken from dealers and submitted for examination for cleanliness by the Methylene Blue Test. These were graded as follows :-

<u>Grade I</u>	<u>Grade II</u>	<u>Grade III</u>
58	14	6
(74%)	(18%)	(8%)

Number of:

Cafes, Restaurants, Private Hotels & Guest Houses	24
Visits to such premises	74
Grocers and General Stores	50
Fishmongers and Poultry Shops	3
Greengrocery Shops	6
Sweet Shops	5
Visits to such premises	131
Informal Notices served	15
Informal Notices complied with	19

Inspection of Animals killed for Home Consumption or Slaughtered as a result of emergency.

A total of 149 pigs, killed for home consumption, were inspected and, with one exception, found fit.

The carcass condemned was affected with dropsy.

Condemnations.

Meat condemned in butchers' shops :-

Sweetbreads	6 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.
Ox Liver	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.
Sheeps Livers	107 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.
Pork Sausages	6 lbs.
Beef Sausages	5 lbs.

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933.

Seventeen licences are in force under the provisions of this Act for the slaughtering of animals.

Bakehouses.

There are 12 bakehouses in use in the district and during the year, 48 inspections were made.

Two informal notices served in respect of cleansing and limewashing were complied with.

Food Hygiene.

The need for cleanliness and personal hygiene is impressed upon shop-keepers and their assistants at every opportunity.

A further three shops were provided with hot and cold water and washing facilities. Appropriate action was also taken for the display of 'Wash your Hands' notices in sanitary conveniences.

Other Foods.

The following other foods were found to be unfit for sale for human consumption and were condemned :-

<u>Description</u>	<u>Weight.</u> <u>Lbs.</u>
Bacon	15 $\frac{5}{8}$
Corned Beef - 1 tin	6
Corned Beef with Cereal - 1 tin	5 $\frac{3}{4}$
Minced Beef Loaf - 3 tins	2 $\frac{5}{8}$
Stewed Steak - 3 tins	3
Pork Brawn - 1 tin	$\frac{3}{4}$
Luncheon Meat - 1 tin	$\frac{3}{4}$
Cockles	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
Whelks	3 Gallons
Golden Cutlets ..	7
Pilchards - 4 tins	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Sardines - 1 tin ..	$\frac{1}{4}$
Cherries - 32 tins	28
Prunes - 1 tin ..	1 $\frac{1}{4}$
Pineapple - 7 tins	7
Grape Fruit - 1 tin	1
Apricots - 2 tins	2
Pears - 3 tins ..	4 $\frac{5}{8}$
Tomatoes - 1 tin	$\frac{3}{4}$
Sweet Corn - 1 tin	1
Evaporated Milk - 16 tins	14 $\frac{1}{2}$
Condensed Milk - 1 tin	$\frac{3}{4}$
Margarine	28

Section VI.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF DISEASES.

Details of the incidence of different diseases are given separately below. A few cases of Measles had occurred in the district before the end of 1952, but the outbreak reached its peak in February and March of 1953, and cases continued to appear until the end of August.

The winter increase in Poliomyelitis which was noted in last year's report continued with three cases in the first quarter of 1953, but no further cases occurred until July.

In 1944, there were 934 deaths from Diphtheria in England and Wales, in 1948 there were 156 deaths, and in 1953 there were 24 deaths. Over the same period the number of cases of Diphtheria notified has fallen from over 23,000 in 1944 to 240 in 1953.

No case of Diphtheria has been notified in the district for eight years, but this happy result of immunisation cannot be regarded as a permanent victory over the disease. Diphtheria infection is still present in the country and less than a third of the babies born are protected before their first birthday. There is thus a growing population of children who have never been infected because they have not been exposed to infection. Their parents can thank the parents of inoculated children for this escape, but unless the proportion of inoculated babies increases, the balance will eventually be upset and epidemics of Diphtheria will once again become a feature of public health experience. Every parent of young children should realise the contribution they can make to the general good by having their children inoculated in the first year of life.

Overseas Travel - Inoculations.

As an increasing number of people are going abroad it is important that the international regulations governing protective inoculations in different countries, particularly those in the tropics, should be understood.

Different countries have different requirements about protection against such diseases as Smallpox, Cholera and Yellow Fever, but in a 'Notice to Travellers' issued by the Ministry of Health, the following paragraph appears :-

"Apart from any requirement by a particular country, all persons going abroad are advised to be effectively vaccinated against enteric (typhoid) fever and paratyphoid fever and, if they are going to those parts of the Far East where cholera is endemic, to be vaccinated against that disease also".

Prevalence and Control of Diseases.

Overseas Travel - Inoculations (Contd.)

International certificates of vaccination are required in certain countries as evidence of successful protection against Smallpox, Cholera and Yellow Fever. Certificates for Smallpox and Cholera inoculations have to be countersigned and bear an official stamp of the District Council after the certificate has been signed by the doctor carrying out the vaccination.

Yellow Fever inoculations are only carried out at certain specified centres of which the nearest are :

LONDON - Hospital for Tropical Diseases,
4, St. Pancras Way, N.W.1.

SOUTHAMPTON - Royal South Hants Hospital,
Pathological Laboratory,
Exmoor Road, Southampton.

Cancer.

The number of deaths attributed to Cancer during the year was 28 (14 males, 14 females) - 34 deaths in 1952.

The Cancer Death Rate for the year is 1.66 per 1,000 of the estimated home population - 2.02 for 1952. Corresponding rates for the Administrative County and the Urban and Rural Districts are 2.48., 2.81 and 2.13 respectively.

The following is an analysis of the age and sex distribution of all persons whose deaths were certified to be due to cancer during 1953 :

Ages	Males	Females	Total
5 -	-	1	1
10 -	-	-	-
20 -	-	1	1
35 -	-	-	-
55 -	3	3	6
65 -	5	3	8
75 -	6	6	12
Totals	14	14	28

Cancer (Contd.)

Localisation of the Disease.

				<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Brain ..	..	..	..	-	-	-
Alimentary Tract & Digestive System:						
Tongue	..	..	..	-	-	-
Pharynx	..	..	..	1	-	1
Thyroid	..	..	..	-	-	-
Oesophagus	..	..	..	-	-	-
Stomach	..	..	..	5	1	6
Caecum	..	..	..	-	1	1
Colon	..	..	..	1	3	4
Rectum	..	..	..	1	4	5
Liver	..	..	..	-	-	-
Pancreas	..	..	..	-	-	-
Respiratory System:						
Larynx	..	..	..	2	-	2
Lung, bronchus	..	..	..	3	-	3
Urinary Organs:						
Kidney	..	..	..	-	-	-
Bladder	..	..	..	-	-	-
Female Genital Organs:						
Uterus	..	..	..	-	-	-
Ovary	..	..	..	-	2	2
Breast..	..	..	..	-	3	3
Leukaemia	..	..	..	1	-	1
Other sites	..	..	..	-	-	-
Total number of Deaths from Cancer				14	14	28

Chicken Pox.

This disease is not notifiable, consequently cases become known to the Department only when absences from school result. Three cases only were recorded in this way during 1953 (31 in 1952) and were admitted to Isolation Hospital.

Diphtheria.

(a) Notifications. No cases of Diphtheria were notified during 1953, nor were any deaths registered as due to this cause.

(b) Diphtheria Anti-Toxin. Anti-toxin is obtainable by medical practitioners for the treatment of suspected cases and contacts from the Royal West Sussex Hospital and St. Richard's Hospital, Chichester, and from the Isolation Hospital at Worthing.

Diphtheria (Contd.)

(c) Immunisation. During 1953, 9 children of school age and 134 children under 5 years of age received a complete course of injections. In addition, 111 children received 'follow-up' injections.

Dysentery.

Three cases were notified (none in 1952). One patient was admitted to Isolation Hospital.

Food Poisoning.

Two notifications were received (none in 1952). The cases occurred in one household and resulted in one patient being admitted to Isolation Hospital.

Measles.

A total of 306 cases were notified (10 in 1952). This was the biennial winter epidemic which had already started with five cases in December, 1952. Two hundred and forty-four cases occurred in the first quarter of 1953, and a further 47 by the end of June; the remaining 15 cases were notified before the end of August.

Details of the 306 notified cases are set out on page 30.

Pneumonia.

Thirteen cases of Pneumonia were notified (6 cases in 1952)

Deaths registered during 1953 as due to all forms of Pneumonia totalled 12 (3 deaths in 1952).

These figures - 13 notifications and 12 deaths - might at first sight give a completely wrong impression of the mortality rate in this group. In fact, however, none of the 13 cases notified had a fatal issue, and none of the 12 cases in which death was certified as due to Pneumonia had been notified before death.

The usefulness of notification as at present carried out is therefore questionable.

Poliomyelitis.

Six cases were notified (5 in 1952). Two were non-paralytic and four paralytic cases.

No deaths were registered as due to this cause.

Measles Notifications - 1953

Parish	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Bep-ton	-	-	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Chithurst	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Cocking	-	-	9	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
Easebourne	4	27	8	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
E. Lavington	-	9	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
Elsted	1	4	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
Fernhurst	-	1	11	6	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	23
Graffham	-	8	9	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	19
Harting	30	15	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50
Heyshott	3	3	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
Linchmere	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Lodsworth	3	9	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16
Lurgashall	-	-	-	3	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Midhurst	3	6	20	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
N. Ambersham	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Rogate	1	10	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
S. Ambersham	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Stedham	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	9	-	-	-	-	12
Terwick	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Tillington	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Treyford	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Trotton	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
W. Lavington	1	3	12	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23
Woolbeding	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
TOTALS	49	106	89	38	5	4	6	9	-	-	-	-	306

Scarlet Fever.

Six cases of Scarlet Fever were notified during 1953 (10 cases in the previous year.)

Three cases were admitted to Isolation Hospital.

Tuberculosis.

Ten cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis and 1 case of Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis were added to the notification register during the year (15 Pulmonary and 5 Non-Pulmonary cases in 1952).

Four deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis were recorded (1 Pulmonary and 2 Non-Pulmonary deaths in 1952).

Tuberculosis (Contd.)

The death rate from this disease for the year is 0.23 per 1,000 of the home population (0.05 in 1952.) The death rates from Pulmonary Tuberculosis for the Urban and Rural Districts of West Sussex for the year under review were 0.06 and 0.10 respectively.

The following table gives details of the number of cases on the notification register, together with particulars of new cases of tuberculosis and of deaths from the disease during 1953:

Notification Register of Tubercular Patients - 1953.

		Pulmonary Cases			Non-Pul. Cases			Total Cases (all forms)		
		M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
1	Number on Register at 1st January, 1953 ..	30	27	57	13	4	17	43	31	74
2	Cases previously removed & returning in 1953 ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	Primary Notifications received in 1953 ..	4	2	6	1	-	1	5	2	7
4	Cases moved into area as transfers from other areas	3	1	4	-	-	-	3	1	4
	TOTALS	37	30	67	14	4	18	51	34	85
5	Cases removed from Register in 1953 ..	9	5	14	-	-	-	9	5	14
6	Number on Register at 31st December, 1953	28	25	53	14	4	18	42	29	71

New Cases and Mortality.

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths	
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F
15-	-	1	-	-	-	-
20-	1	1	1	-	-	-
35-	2	1	-	-	1	-
45-	-	-	-	-	1	-
55-	2	-	-	-	1	-
65-	2	-	-	-	1	-
Totals	7	3	1	-	4	-

No action was taken during the year under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925, or under Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

Whooping Cough.

Seventy-six cases were notified during 1953 (13 in 1952),
details of which are set out herewith :-

Parish	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Bpton	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	3	-	-	-	-	8
Chithurst	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Cocking	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	2	-	-	-	-	9
Easebourne	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	4	-	-	-	-	12
E. Lavington	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Fernhurst	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Graffham	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	4	-	-	-	-	7
Harting	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	1	7
Heyshott	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	2
Midhurst	-	-	-	-	6	6	4	-	-	-	-	-	16
Rogate	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
S. Ambersham	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Stedham	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Tillington	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
W. Lavington	-	-	-	-	1	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
TOTALS	-	1	-	-	9	26	22	16	-	-	-	2	76

Other Diseases.

No notifications were received of the undermentioned diseases :

Cholera	Meningococcal Infection
Diphtheria	Ophthalmia Neonatorum
Encephalitis (Acute)	Plague
Enteric Fevers	Puerperal Pyrexia
Erysipelas	Relapsing Fever
Malaria	Smallpox
Membranous Croup	Typhus Fever

Table showing Notifications and Deaths from certain Infectious Diseases.

Year	Polio-myelitis		Scarlet Fever		Diph-theria		Enteric Fever		Erysip-elas		Measles		Whooping Cough		Diarrhoea & Dysentery		Smallpox	
	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B
1944	4	-	13	-	2	-	-	-	3	-	4	-	13	-	12	-	-	-
1945	2	-	9	-	1	-	-	-	4	-	172	-	9	-	-	-	-	-
1946	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	+1	-	-	25	-	4	-	-	-	-	-
1947	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	79	-	11	-	-	-	-	-
1948	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	252	-	37	-	-	-	-	-
1949	-(1)	-	23	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	246	-	37	-	-	-	-	-
1950	1	-	22	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	45	-	33	-	-	-	-	-
1951	2(3)	1	4	-	-	-	+4(1)	-	2	-	123	-	61	-	-	-	-	-
1952	5	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	10	-	13	-	-	-	-	-
1953	6	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	306	-	76	-	3	-	-	-

Notes: A = Cases Notified. B = Deaths. + = Cases of Paratyphoid 'B'.

Figures in brackets refer to additional cases which occurred in the district but were not notified until after admission to Hospital outside the district.

Table showing cases of Infectious Diseases notified during 1953.

Disease	Total Cases Notified			Cases ad- mitted to Isolation Hospitals	Total Deaths	A g e D i s t r i b u t i o n												
	M	F	Total			0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	35-	45-	65-	
Dysentery	2	1	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Food Poisoning	1	1	2	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Measles	144	162	306	2	-	5	16	19	32	18	177	30	-	7	-	2	-	
Pneumonia	8	5	13	-	12	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	-	3	1	3	2	
Polio-myelitis	2	4	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	1	-	1	-	
Scarlet Fever	2	4	6	3	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	
Tuberculosis	5	2	7	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	1	1	
Whooping Cough	40	36	76	-	-	3	2	9	9	13	37	3	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTALS	204	215	419	13	16	8	20	29	42	33	221	36	4	12	4	7	3	

